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BEGIN SUMMARY. DELEGATION GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS OF JULY 4 FOCUSED MAINLY ON PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. SOME STATEMENTS, SUCH AS THOSE OF US AND YUGOSLAVIA, CONTAINED IMPORTANT SIGNALS ON SS VII, BUT STATEMENTS GENERALLY LACKED SPECIFICS.

SPEAKERS GAVE SECONDARY ATTENTION TO THE TWO OTHER MAIN THEMES OF THE DEBATE--STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. HACKNEYED POLITICAL MESSAGES CONSUMED THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT NO NEW POLITICAL ISSUES WERE INTRODUCED. SPECIALIZED AGENCY HEADS' STATEMENTS CONCENTRATED ON REVIEW OF AGENCY ACTIVITIES. HIGHLIGHTS OF STATEMENTS FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. USSR STATEMENT DELIVERED BY NESTERENKO FOLLOWED WELL-KNOWN PATTERN OF SOVIET INTERVENTIONS IN UN ECONOMIC FORUMS. HE SPOKE OF NEED TO CUT MILITARY BUDGETS AND REITERATED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD-WIDE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT. HE SPOKE OF DETENTE AND SUGGESTED THE NEED FOR ITS EXTENSION. TOPICAL REFERENCES WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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MADE TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAZI DEFEAT, AND THE LIQUIDA-

TION OF THE WAR IN INDOCHINA.

2. HE INDULGED IN A RECITAL OF THE ECONOMIC ILLS OF THE WEST, I.E. INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND ENERGY SHORTAGE AND CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS PROPER THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REJECT THE PREDATORY POLICIES OF MONOPOLISTIC CAPITALISM. FOLLOWING A BRIEF SURVEY OF USSR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, NESTERENKO PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT OF THE LDCS IN THEIR EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE THE WORLD ECONOMY AND EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN THE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR BOTH THE NIEO AND CERDS. ON THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, NESTERENKO SAID THAT THE 59TH ECOSOC SHOULD PREPARE FOR IT, AND ADDED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING THE UN.

3. THE YUGOSLAV STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THE NIEO, CERDS, PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THE IDS. NIEO AND CERDS MUST SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THE SPECIAL SESSION ON THE OTHER HAND MUST TAKE CONCRETE DECISIONS AND PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS. QUESTIONS OF UN STRUCTURE MUST NOT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. ON THE IDS, THE YUGOSLAV MAINTAINED THAT THE DOCUMENT REMAINS USEFUL BUT IS CONCEPTUALLY OUTDATED; IT MUST THEREFORE BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH NIEO AND CERDS.

4. THE STATEMENT OF ITALIAN AMBASSADOR VINCI WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. HE FIRST SPOKE FOR THE GOI AND THEN ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9 OVER WHICH ITALY WILL PRESIDE FOR THE LAST HALF OF 1975. SPEAKING FOR THE GOI, VINCI SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH THE G-77 HAS TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE WELCOMED CRP-1 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON IT. INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS THE FIELD WHERE PARTICULAR PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE THROUGH A NEW ORIENTATION OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS IN COMMODITY TRADE. HE CITED THE LOME CONVENTION. ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, HE SAID THE GOI FAVORS THE SDR LINK, BUT QUESTIONS THE FEASIBILITY OF "AUTOMATIC MECHANISMS" FOR TRANSFER OF RESOURCES TO LDCS AND THE INDEXATION OF PRICES. HE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENTS AS A MEANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. VINCI SUPPORTED THE USG PROPOSAL THAT FOOD PROBLEMS BE ADDRESSED.

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5. SPEAKING IN NAME OF EEC AND ITS MEMBER STATES, AMBASSADOR VINCE CITED: (1) YAOUNDE, ARUSKA AND LOME CONVENTIONS, PARTICULARLY THE LAST, AS INDICATIVE OF EC-9'S DETERMINATION TO FIND NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC WAYS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION, E.G. STABEX SCHEME FOR SAFEGUARDING EXPORT EARNINGS OF 46 LDCS; (2) CONSTANTLY INCREASING NUMBER OF ASSOCIATION AND TRADE AGREEMENTS, BOTH PREFERENTIAL AND NON-PREFERENTIAL, BETWEEN EEC AND COUNTRIES OF MED-

ITERRANEAN AREA, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA; AND (3) GENERALIZED PREFERENCES BENEFITTING OVER 100 LDCS. EEC NOW CONSIDERING EXTENDING GSP BEYOND THE SET DATE OF 1980.

6. EC-9 WANT TO REITERATE THEIR CONVICTION THAT MAJOR PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE SOLVED OTHER THAN THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA, INCLUDING SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. EC-9 ARE COMPLETING IN BRUSSELS AND IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL SESSION, WITH GOAL OF IMPLEMENTING CONCRETE OBJECTIVES AS A GENERAL GUIDELINE. THEY ACCEPT G-77S DOCUMENT CRP-1, WHICH IS SELECTIVE, AS A USEFUL BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL DEFINE--HOPEFULLY BY CONSENSUS--THE QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH BY SPECIAL SESSION; AND THEY BELIEVE THAT ONLY A SELECTIVE APPROACH CAN ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS. EC-9 ARE ENCOURAGED BY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND G-77 CONTACT GROUP LAST MAY IN NY, AND HOPE CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN GENEVA.

7. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION SEC GEN D.A. DAVIES DESCRIBED WMO ACTIVITIES DURING PAST YEAR WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WORLD WEATHER WATCH PROGRAM, GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM AND ATLANTIC TROPICAL EXPERIMENT. HE REFERRED TO WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM, WITH COOPERATION BY UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, AND RELATED ACTIVITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE. HE ALSO SPOKE OF WORK OF WMO IN AID OF FOOD PRODUCTION, ESPECIALLY ASSISTANCE FOR THE SAHEL, AS WELL AS OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. TOTAL COST OF WMO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AMOUNTED TO \$9 MILLION FOR 93 COUNTRIES IN 1974.

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8. JAPANESE PERMREP SAITO STRESSED INTERDEPENDENCE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT FOR LDCS TO ACHIEVE EQUITABLE SHARE OF ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, OVERALL EXPANSION OF WORLD ECONOMY IS ESSENTIAL. HE ENDORSED VIEW THAT DEBATE ON ESTABLISHING NEW ECONOMIC ORDER VS. IMPROVING EXISTING ONE SHOULD BE SET ASIDE IN FAVOR OF CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE SAID THE THOUGHT OF CONFRONTATION SHOULD ALSO BE SET ASIDE. HE URGED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS DURING ECOSOC SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

9. SAITO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED: (1) COMMODITY PROBLEMS. HE CALLED FOR MEASURES TO ELIMINATE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT OF SHARP PRICE MOVEMENTS WITHOUT CHANGING BASIC CHARACTER OF MARKET MECHANISM, AND FOR ADEQUATE INVESTMENT TO EXPAND COMMODITY PRODUCTION. (2) TRADE. GOJ IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESSFUL AND SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF PRESENT MTN AND WILL DO ITS BEST, IN ACCORDANCE TOKYO DECLARATION, TO SECURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR LDCS. (3) REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF IDS. STRATEGY HAS BEEN USEFUL AND IS STILL VALID, BUT PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY IN AGRICULTURAL AREA AND IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM DCS. (4) FOOD. HE ADVOCATED INCREASED PRODUCTION BY COUNTRIES WITH THE CAPACITY, INCLUDING LDCS. (5) ASSISTANCE. WHILE TOTAL FLOW OF FINANCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOURCES FROM JAPAN TO LDCS IN 1973 AMOUNTED TO 1.44 PERCENT OF GNP, THIS REGRETTABLY FELL TO .65 PERCENT IN 1974, (TO \$1.126 BILLION) DUE TO REDUCTION IN PRIVATE FLOW. (6) MSAS. HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR PRIORITY ASSISTANCE BY UN SYSTEM; GOJ CONTRIBUTED \$105 MILLION TO MSAS UNDER EMERGENCY OPERATION. (7) RESTRUCTURING UN SYSTEM. GOJ ADVOCATES CONTINUING PROCESS RATHER THAN ONE-TIME SHAKEUP.

10. PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA COUNSELLOR CHANG HSIEN-WU (FROM NY MISSION) REFERRED TO TREMENDOUS CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL SITUATION FAVORABLE TO PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES. PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA, SOUTH VIETNAM, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA WON HISTORIC VICTORIES. THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES CONTINUED TO ADVANCE TRIUMPHANTLY IN "STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, RACISM, ZIONISM AND BIG-POWER HEGEMONISM". THE PRC REP THEN LAUNCHED INTO THE TYPICAL DIATRIBE AGAINST THE USG AND THE USSR. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO EMBRACE THE G-77 PLAN FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, LENDING PRC SUPPORT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, CONTROL OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, ACTIVITIES OF PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS AND REFORM OF

TH INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. HE ALSO SUPPORTED REVISION OF THE IDS.

11. WORLD BANK VICE PRESIDENT, WILLIAM CLARK, REITERATED THE WELL-KNOWN LIST OF IBRD DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND THE BANK'S ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS: FOOD, RURAL POVERTY, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND NUTRITION. HE URGED ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONAL AID FOR LDCS FROM OCD COUNTRIES, EASTERN EUROPEANS AND OPEC COUNTRIES. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES, WHILE NOTING THAT MIDDLE AND HIGHER INCOME LDCS CAN FREQUENTLY AFFORD TO PAY FOR THEIR CAPITAL.

12. BANK IS TAKING FOLLOWING STEPS: (1) HOPES SOON TO OPEN THIRD WINDOW AT CONCESSIONAL RATE OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT, MIDWAY BETWEEN RATES OF BANK AND IDA, AND HOPES ADDITIONAL OFFERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS WILL PERMIT \$1 BILLION IN ASSISTANCE ABOVE OTHER BANK OPERATIONS; CRITERIA OF THIRD WINDOW ARE LIKELY TO FAVOR LDCS WITH UNDER \$375 PER CAPITA GNP. (2) INTENDS TO RAISE BANK'S LENDING PROGRAM TO \$40 BILLION DURING FIVE YEARS 1976-80, WHICH IN REAL TERMS MEANS INCREASE OF 58 PERCENT OVER PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS AND 153 PERCENT OVER PERIOD BEFORE THAT. (3) WILL SOON BE STARTING NEGOTIATIONS FOR FIFTH IDA REPLENISHMENT, AS \$4.5 BILLION UN-

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DER FOURTH REPLENISHMENT ARE EXPCTED TO BE FULLY COMMITTEE BY MID-1977.

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